

Blacksburg Parks and Recreation Department  
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## Parents Code of Ethics

Coaches and Parents should be held to a standard of behavior that provides a positive environment for their child's sports experience. Parents pledge to be good spectators; to assess the philosophy of the coach and league to make sure it matches their child's needs; to understand that all children are gifted but not in equal ways; to provide unconditional support; and to pay attention to see if their child is having fun, learning, and improving – as opposed to just winning.

**I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Ethics:**

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports event.

I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.

I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.

I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach upholds the Coaches' Code of Ethics.

I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.

I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

I will remember that the game is for youth – not adults.

I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.

I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.

I will help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.

I will read the *National Standards for Youth Sports* and do what I can to help all youth organizations implement and enforce them.



**I, the undersigned, have read this code and understand that by not adhering to its principles I may lose my privilege to attend recreational activities sponsored by the Town of Blacksburg's Parks and Recreation Department.**

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